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Upcoming 2010 Annual Shoots

Shootout at Fort Miller
April 15 - 18

Dry Gulch at Arroyo Cantua
April 23 - 25

SASS California State
Championships
April 29 - May 2

High Sierra Shootout
Rail Road Flat
May 27 - 30



It's Here, It's Here

The Shootout at Fort Miller is here. April 15-18 is the date, Fresno Rifle and Pistol Club is the place and you all are the invited guests.

Snakebite has promised an interesting and fun match so be ready for anything.

This year there are a few changes. The Mother of all Plainsman will be held after the Main Match on Friday,

the awards are on Saturday Night at the potluck and Sunday is the Tres Amigos Shootout.

The idea of this format is to allow shooters that must travel home on Sunday a chance to get home earlier.

All the KRR members have signed up for work duties with **Snakebite** so once again this match will be the

premier event of the SASS season.

Bring your game, fun side, and lots of money for raffle tickets.

Your confirmation letter tells you what to bring for the potluck so we'll see you on the range.

Mount up Regulators, it's shooting time.

AS THE ROOSTER CROWS - SLICK ROCK ROOSTER

Wow! 50 Shooters turned out for a fun shoot in perfect March weather.

Wildcat John who wrote the stages was only one of the few that stayed away.

This was a fun match that had two shotgun sequences in Helltown and a popup down in the hole on Bay 7.

Many thanks go to those cowboys and cowgirls that turned out on Saturday to do some range maintenance.

Rusty Shotgun ran a mean weedeater.

Crusty Jim and **Sawdust Kid** did a bang up job on the new deck in bay seven.

Two Fingers Slim and crew

were rebuilding a few storefronts on the boardwalk.

Great Speckled Body and **Wyoming Wrangler** were very busy scraping and painting on the Bank and Courthouse at the other end of the boardwalk.

The four posses were lead by fine posse leaders; (continued on page 3)

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The Gazette

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Range

5 Dogs Creek

2nd Weekend

Chorro Valley

3rd Weekend

Kings River Regulators

*4th Weekend*Two Rivers Posse
MantecaFaultline Shootists
Gonzales*5th Weekend*

Chorro Valley

From the Territorial Governor

From the Rules Committee:

1) It has been unclear whether or not you can use paint on your sights. The answer is a limited "YES". The following clarification verbiage was approved:

SIGHTS**ALL FIREARMS**

Sights must look like sights available during the cowboy era—bead, blade, simple post, or otherwise approved front sights (such as the XS Cowboy Express) made of materials such as steel, iron, ivory, faux ivory, brass, gold, pewter, copper, or silver are allowed.

Colors other than those of the materials referenced above or any "fluorescent" materials may not be applied to either front or rear sights.

Rear and front sights may also be "blackened," painted, or plated in the colors of the previously listed materials. If blacking, paint, or plating is applied to a revolver front sight, it must cover the entire rear surface of the sight to give the appearance of a solid material.

Note: This allows you to paint the bead on your rifle. Beads are not allowed on handguns and a "dot" may not be painted on a handgun sight. If painted or plated, the entire back of a revolver sight must be the same color. This does NOT affect building up the front sight to accomplish POA using one of the accepted materials. It does NOT allow the white Diamond or any outline on rear sights. Rear sights on rifles must still be one color.

2) If you kick out a round from your rifle, it may be "replaced".... NOT "reloaded". (the round is

dead.)

"Unfired ejected rifle rounds may be ~~reloaded~~ replaced."

From the TG meeting:

1.) Colt Burgess Rifle and reproductions. The Burgess is an 1883 design which puts it between the cutoff dates for Classic (1873) and "B" Western (1884) category restrictions. Two options were proposed (for consideration as a 2010 TG Summit agenda item)

a) Change the start date for "B" Western to 1880.

b) Allow the Burgess as "legal" for both Classic & "B" Western category use.

2.) The issue of eliminating the MSV penalty for "overloading a rifle" was resurrected. It actually passed by simple majority, but failed to do so by the requisite 2/3 vote in 2009. The WB encouraged the TGs to talk to their clubs and get this passed next year. The MSV for leaving a round in the action of the rifle would remain. This would eliminate the "Double Jeopardy", (loading too many, and round left in rifle)

3) When a revolver is HOLSTERED with the hammer cocked over an empty chamber or spent round, a SDQ is awarded. But, if it is cocked over a LIVE round, the high risk of personal injury under those circumstances should probably warrant a MATCH DQ.

(The RO Committee will take this suggestion under advisement.)

4) Inquiry was made as to allowing a Bolo tie to be added to the item list for "B" Western.

From the Forge

We only have a short time left to finish up on needed range work before Fort Miller, so Saturday March 27th we are having a work day to get some final touches done.

We will be doing general clean-up and maintenance, so bring your weed trimmers, rakes, garden carts, whatever, pick a bay and give it your best shot.

If you happen to have some spare paint lying about looking for a place to show it's stuff, bring it with some brushes or rollers and go to work on one of the many building fronts on cowboy town that are in desperate need of refinishing.

If you have an idea for improving any of

our buildings or structures, give me a call and we can work out the details.

The club has money to devote to improvements and will reimburse any expenses you might incur.

Remember, if Saturday doesn't work for you, but you would still like to help out, work can be done on any day except Thursday. The range is closed Thursdays.

Anyone with ideas or who wishes to make changes or improvements feel free to call me at 559 299-8409 or e-mail me at krr.fargo@yahoo.com.

Fargo

RAMROD'S MUSINGS

From the Pokey

At every major SASS match—Winter Range, EOT, Regionals—the Territorial Governors and Rules Committee meet to go over questions that have risen and to discuss concerns regarding how Cowboy Action Shooting is evolving.

One such meeting was at this past Winter Range. See the Territorial Governor's column on page 2 for all the info.

The major "shooting line" update is that ejected rifle ammo may *not* be caught and reused. It may be only replaced from your body.

Cowboy Logic

Bodie California...

When mining began to decline along the western slope of the Sierra Nevada, prospectors began to cross the eastern slope in search of their fortunes.

One such man named William (aka: Waterman) S. Bodey, discovered gold in 1859 near a place that is now called Bodie Bluff.

Alas, the poor man died in a snow storm that very winter and never saw the new town that would be named after him.

Though one legend attributes the change of spelling to an illiterate sign painter, the citizens deliberately changed the spelling in order to ensure correct pronunciation.

In 1861 the Bunker Hill Mine was established as well as a

mill, though the camp was called home to only about 20 miners. Bodie grew slowly and remained an insignificant mining camp for 17 years.

The Bunker Hill Mine and Mill on the west slope of Bodie Bluff, changed hands several times during the years before being sold to four partners in 1877.

The name was changed to the Standard Mining Company and within months the partners discovered a significant vein of rich gold ore.

Profits rose dramatically and by the end of 1878 Bodie's population had soared to some 5,000 people.

The Standard Mine would yield nearly 15 million dollars in gold over the next 25 years.

Long Range Practice

Saturday April 10
8:30am.

FRPC Bay 8 - The Long Range/Silhouette Range over the hill.

This is your chance to sight in that long range rifle prior to the Shoot-out at Fort Miller.

March Match Director



SNAKEBITE

PAPA SAYS



Once the game is over, the King and the Pawn go back in the same box.

Fannie Mostly's Sharp Shooting Award

This month's Sharp Shooting Award goes to two of the shooters who are the lifeblood of the club. Never the fastest, nor the slowest, but the Middle of the Pack—rarely receiving the accolades they deserve for a day of good, solid, consistent shooting.

This month the two Middle of the Pack shooters are:

Rusty Shotgun and **B. Haven Badly**. Congratulations!



Rusty Shotgun



B. Haven Badly

As the Rooster Crows (cont.)

Hawkeye O'Riley, Slick Rock Rooster, Talon Hawke and **Tucson Smith**.

Congratulations to **Leadfoot, Papa Willie** and **Deputy Dan Beartrap** for shooting a clean match.

Next Saturday will be another work party. Black-

smith **Fargo** requests that many hands turn out with tools such as weedeaters, rakes and shovels so we can do some general clean up and repair. We need your help to get the range ready for Fort Miller.



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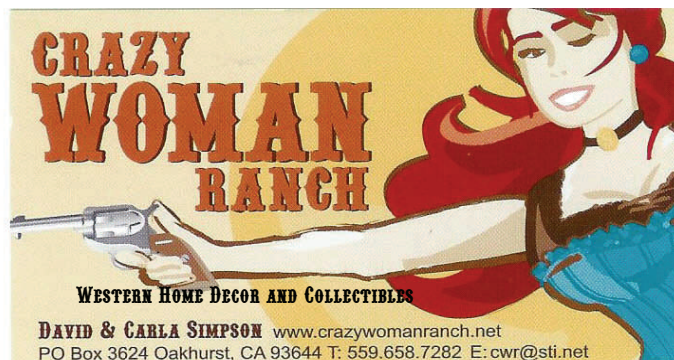
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